bomb explosion etc.;

(c) whether Government have examined the proposal; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) Yes Sir.

(d) The Government, after examining the proposals given by CII, have permitted setting up of independent hot sites to keep the operations on the case of disaster. These hot sites, would require to be registered as a hot site Call Centre. The Indepedent hot site provider will provide the infrastructure i.e. building, main server, agent positions, power plant, air conditioner etc. The various call centres desirous of availaing hot site facility would provide, dedicated servers/routers at the hot site and necessary leased circuits.

Sankhya Vahini

5268. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided not to proceed further with the proposal for setting up "Sankhya Vahini"; and

(b) if so, the reasons which have contributed to dropping of this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sankhya Vahini project has been shelved in the wake of Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), Pittsburg, USA withdrawing from the project.

Opening of Telephone Exchanges in Villages of UP

5269. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the existing norms for opening of telephone exchange in a village;